

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 35-45 and 85-102 are presently pending in this application, Claims 1-34 and 46-84 having been canceled by the present amendment.

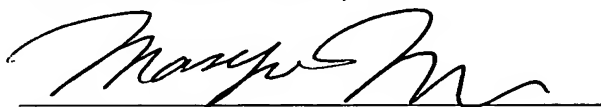
In the outstanding Office Action, the application was indicated as in condition for allowance except for non-elected Claims 1-34 and 46-84.

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-34 and 46-84 have been canceled.

In light of the indication of condition for allowance, and in view of the amendment presented above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and thus the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early action favorable to that effect.

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